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*Smallpox.*

DANISH ANTILLES.—According to advices of March 9, vessels arriving from Hull and Pernambuco are subject to ten days' quarantine on account of the epidemic smallpox prevailing in those ports.

## ARGENTINA.

*Confirming report of plague in Rosario.*

BUENOS AYRES, *January 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to confirm on the overleaf my telegram of the 27th instant reporting the existence of bubonic plague at Rosario.

For several months past rumors emanating from Rosario have been current that the plague existed in that city, but, upon official investigation of the suspected cases being made, they were never confirmed. It is only within the last week, when the assertion of the existence of that disease became more pronounced, that a systematic examination of the suspected cases was made by Dr. Malbran, the president of the department of hygiene, resulting in his officially declaring that several of the cases were plague. This declaration was made in a sanitary decree signed by the president of the republic on the evening of the 26 instant, of which, in keeping of a promise made to me by the minister of the interior, I was apprised early in the morning of the 27th, and immediately wired the Department to that effect, and shall transmit copy and translation thereof in a subsequent dispatch.

The city of Rosario has, in consequence, been isolated from the other cities of the republic and the strictest quarantine applied against it.

Several cases of sickness have occurred in this city which at first were thought to be the plague, but, upon necropsies and bacteriological examinations being made, have proved to be the usual class of enteric diseases prevailing here in the summer.

I shall be careful to report to the Department any further development of the disease.

Respectfully,

FRANCOIS S. JONES,  
*Chargé d'Affaires Ad Interim.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure—Telegram sent in cipher.]

BUENOS AYRES, *January 27, 1900.*

SECRETARY OF STATE, *Washington:*

Bubonic plague last night officially confirmed existing in Rosario. Strict sanitary measures adopted with regard to Rosario. Two cases suspected to be plague announced here. Writing.

JONES.

## BARBADOS.

*Quarantine information.*

BARBADOS, *March 17, 1900.*

SIR: The quarantine which has been in force here against Rio de Janeiro, Lisbon, and Alexandria was taken off on the 7th instant, my board being satisfied that, as regards Rio de Janeiro, there had been only 1 case in January last, and, as regards the other places, that plague had ceased to exist there for a considerable time.

Quarantine continues in force here against all other places mentioned in my report of the 3d instant.

On the 5th instant the following telegram was received from the

British minister at Caracas: "Government declared officially no cases smallpox in Caracas or LaGuayra. Country absolutely free."

On the 7th instant the barkentine *Edward Seymour* arrived from Bahia with a British consular bill of health dated February 6, indorsed, "2 cases of yellow fever have occurred during the last few days." The bills of health brought yesterday by the steamship *Hevelius* from Bahia and dated on the 7th instant, stated there had been 2 cases of yellow fever, with 1 death. My board are awaiting further information.

Grenada has taken off the quarantine against Bahia, and imposed it against Rosario for plague.

St. Lucia has imposed quarantine against Rosario for plague.

The reports forwarded by the chairman of quarantine board give the following particulars:

*Bahia*.—For the fourteen days prior to March 4, 2 cases yellow fever.

*Pernambuco*.—For the fourteen days prior to February 23, clean bill of health.

*Rio de Janeiro*.—For the fourteen days prior to February 23, 27 deaths yellow fever and 35 deaths smallpox.

*Santos*.—For the fourteen days prior to February 21, 15 cases, 2 deaths, yellow fever.

*Victoria*.—For the fourteen days prior to February 23, clean bill of health.

The bills of health from Santos and Rio de Janeiro made no mention of plague.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine Hospital Service.*

JAS. SANDERSON,  
*Clerk, Quarantine Board.*

#### BELGIUM.

#### *Report from Antwerp.*

ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *March 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith inclosed weekly abstract of bills of health issued at the port of Antwerp, Belgium, for the week ended March 24, 1900: Seven bills of health were given during the week, 2 of which were supplemental. The steamship *Aragonia* cleared for Philadelphia on the 22d instant carrying 215 steerage passengers. On the 25th instant the steamship *Southwark* sailed for New York having on board 808 steerage and 64 cabin passengers. Three were refused passage on the *Aragonia* and 17 on the *Southwark*. Both ships sailed under the usual conditions as to the baggage of the emigrants.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

E. K. SPRAGUE,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

#### BRAZIL.

#### *Births and deaths at Bahia during September and October, 1899.*

BAHIA, BRAZIL, *March 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a report on the vital statistics of Bahia for the months of September and October, 1899. This